

SECRET MEETING OF GROCERS HELD

Jewish Organization Will Protest to
District Commissioners Against
Short-weight Bread.

COMPLAINTS TO FOLLOW

An organization of the Jewish grocers of the District of Columbia, known as The Capital Retail Grocers Protective Association, with a membership of about 300, has found the trials of the local "bread war" so irksome that a special executive and secret meeting has been held by them for the purpose of formulating a protest against under weight bread, and devising some effective means of relieving themselves of the confusion which several prices and size of loaves is making, now that the public is showing increased interest in the situation.

An interesting circular in Hebrew has been passed around among members of the association, which had as its scare head, according to translation, "3 for 10 or 4 for 10" indicating that they might soon be facing a situation of "some of your next neighbors, or grocers will sell the bread next week, 4 loaves for 10 cents," as stated in the circular.

By order of the association its president, Simon Gordon, the treasurer, I. S. Cohen, and the vice president, Adam Lubner, all District of Columbia retail grocers, were appointed a committee to present to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia a protest against the present variance in the size and weight of loaves of bread baked by local bakers, and to demand a regulation immediately be put into effect that a baked loaf of bread sold to the people of the District shall be of the uniform weight of one pound.

This action by this section of the three thousand or more retailers selling bakers' bread in the District of Columbia is but a forerunner of others that are to come and the telling of the "bread war" news by the Herald is sure to aid the people of the District on the bread question.

More important phases of the strife between the retailers, the "bakery salesmen," or bread-wagon drivers, and the bakers, who are said to make up the so-called "Bakers' Trust," will be forthcoming with the passing away of the inauguration excitement, when the people will have more time to set up and consider.

If four loaves of good bread can be sold for 10 cents, the "three for 10 bakers" will have to meet the competition, and the day of the "double-cross" doubling back will be here. As predicted in The Herald last week, the words of one who seems to know that before the "bread war" is over there will be monetary and other losses that will be regrettable.

CLAYTON GETS PEN USED TO SIGN BILL

Public Utilities Commission Pet Measure
of Former Citizens' Association President.

ACTIVE WORKER FOR THE BILL

The pen with which President Taft signs the District appropriation bills goes to William McK. Clayton, for two years the president of the Federation of Citizens' Associations.

Mr. Clayton's activity and work for a Public Utilities Commission for the District for the past three years led some months ago to the President promising Mr. Clayton the pen with which he hoped to sign the public utilities measure.

As this legislation comes in the appropriation bill, the pen making this bill law goes to Mr. Clayton.

When the Federation of Citizens' Associations was formed in May, 1911, the first act was to instruct its president to prepare and have introduced in Congress a bill for a Public Utilities Commission for the District of Columbia.

This was done and the Citizens' Association through their central body, have kept up a most persistent campaign ever since.

President Taft twice recommended the measure in messages to Congress. The press of the city, sympathetic from the start, earnestly pressed the bill. The supreme importance of this legislation for the District was kept constantly before the Citizens' Associations by the Federation.

The earnest efforts of Senators Gallagher and Pennington, Representatives O'Connell and Burleson and Col. W. V. Johnson, former Engineer Commissioner, in season and out of season on behalf of this legislation did much to bring about the final triumph.

Victory was matched from almost certain defeat when Senator Pennington introduced the bill as a rider on the District appropriation bill. The bill is undoubtedly the most important and satisfactory piece of legislation the District has secured for a decade. Complete control by it, not only over the commission, not only over the service, but over the rates of the telephone, gas and electric light companies, as well as over the railroad companies of the District, and removes from controversy many conflicts of control of various degrees heretofore attempted to be exercised by various official bodies.

The bill will place the District fully abreast in progressive control of public utilities with New York, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Iowa.

OLD CLUB IN LINE.
District's "Young Men" Will Unfold
Jackson Democratic Standard.

The Young Men's Democratic Club of the District of Columbia, which since its organization in 1904 has taken an active part in every national campaign, will today head the civic division.

The club will assemble at their headquarters, 1425 New York Avenue Northwest, at 12 o'clock and preceded by the boys' bands of St. Mary's Industrial School, Baltimore, will march to Delaware Avenue and B Street Northeast, Senate Office Building, where the line of march will be taken up.

In addition to their own handsome banners the club will carry that of the Jackson Democratic Association organized in 1908, the oldest Democratic club in this country without exception.

Among the 250 members who will participate are many of the veterans who as "young men" marched down Pennsylvania Avenue with President Cleveland in 1888 and again in 1892.

This is the only club representing the Democracy of the District of Columbia, which will take part in the inaugural parade.

MacVeagh Rewards Heroes.
Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh yesterday awarded silver medals for bravery in saving people to John McCormack of the New York Fire Department, Fireman A. Anderson, of Fort William, and Fireman L. L. Lutzon, P. I.

MacVeagh saved four people from the Hudson River on August 8, 1912, in rescuing a comrade in the



MRS. ELMER BLACK,

A prominent inauguration visitor, who is stopping at the New Willard.

SOCIETY

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Cincinnati, who for many years has been one of the social leaders of that city. Mr. Franklin Ellis, of Washington, the bride's only son; her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilcox; Mr. George Lawson, Mr. Stanley Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gaff, of Washington, and Mrs. Platt Hunt, of Chicago.

Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Blair sailed for Madeira. On their return from abroad they will reside in Washington.

The Russian Ambassador and Mrs. Bakhmeteff and Mrs. McCormick witnessed the suffrage parade with deep interest yesterday from a window overlooking the line of march.

The relatives of President-elect Wilson who are in Washington to witness the inaugural ceremonies to-day are Mrs. A. W. Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wilson, Miss Elizabeth Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. William McC. Wilson, Miss Elizabeth McC. Wilson, Mr. John McC. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson Howe, Mr. Wayne Bleakley, Dr. and Mrs. George Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Fenn, Mrs. McVoy, Mrs. Leach, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Stark, Mr. Edwin Stark, Mrs. Luce, Mr. Fred Yates, Mr. Stockton Axson, Miss Helen Woodrow Hines, Mrs. P. C. Cotton, and Miss Alice Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont, who had with them their house guest, M. de Fournier, of Paris; the Chief Justice and Mrs. White and their guests, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Albert L. Mills, who have with them for several days Mr. and Mrs. Clark Howell, of Atlanta, called later on the President-elect and Mrs. Marshall.

The Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall were among the guests at the reception last night given by the District branch of the Woman's Wilson and Marshall organization, of which Mrs. George A. Armes is chairman, in honor of the visiting Governors.

It proved to be a most brilliant affair, as the staffs of the different Governors attended the reception wearing their full

uniforms, and many handsome gowns added to the rarity of the scene.

Mrs. George A. Armes received the many distinguished out-of-town guests, assisted by Mrs. Hewitt Tomlin, of Jackson, Tenn.; Miss Emily Withers, Mrs. J. H. Stephens, Mrs. J. C. Linticum, Mrs. D. M. Hughes, Mrs. C. A. Francis, Mrs. John Poole, Mrs. J. Paeg Morgan, Mrs. P. J. Lennox, Mrs. Olin Hancock, Mrs. Wycliffe Rose, Mrs. C. W. McNaughton, Mrs. Etha Patterson Griffin, Mrs. John F. Costello, Mrs. Lester Barr, Mrs. M. G. Bonham, Mrs. W. G. Harvey, Jr., Mrs. James W. Hewitt, Mrs. C. H. Merwin, Mrs. A. Caminetti, Mrs. Marshall, and Miss Evelyn Pagan. The guests were Miss Ruth Tribble, Miss Jeannine Rush, Miss Puller, Miss Gove, Miss Morgan, Miss Heustis, Miss Smith, Miss Dunham, and Miss Lesher.

Dr. Carsons Owen made the introductions, assisted by Mr. John Poole. Mr. John F. Costello was chairman of the Men's Entertainment Committee and is assisted by a large committee of representative Democrats.

Mrs. Thomas Marshall looked charming in a handsome gown of pale pink tulle, cut in graceful lines.

Mrs. Lamar Lipscomb, of Georgia, entertained a party of Southerners for the parade and tea at the Willard. At the Ellipse back of the White House many prominent citizens and Democrats had their cars lined up to wait the coming of the parade. Among them were Mrs. John Hays Hammond and Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page.

Windows along the line of march were almost as much in demand as they will be to-day. One of the most interested spectators from the Occocon building was Miss Louisa Lander, who has been prominent among the conservative set of Washington for half a century. Miss Lander is ninety-seven years old and has seen many inaugurations and feels little interest in them, but the suffrage parade prompted her to be unique. Miss Lander said afterwards: "I did not begrudge the \$50 the window cost me, I hope I will die before women have the vote, but I am glad I lived to see them march this afternoon."

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Capital stock	none
Capital stock paid up, in cash	none
ASSETS.	
Cash in office	none
Cash in bank	\$123,178 00
Real estate	none
Real estate mortgages (first lien)	605,281 32
Stocks and bonds (market value)	18,000 00
Bills receivable	none
Premiums uncollected and in hands of agents	none
Interest due and accrued	24,194 21

Net assets \$770,653 53

LIABILITIES.	
Salaries, rents, expenses, taxes, &c.	\$20,983 89
Taxes due or accrued (estimated)	6,000 00
Advanced by directors, \$7,000, and accrued interest, \$280	7,280 00
Future call fund	546 49
All other liabilities: Value of outstanding benefit certificates or policies, as provided by 32d G. A. Iowa, Chapter 83.	325,812 00

Total 360,622 38

Amount of risk assumed and character of business transacted during the year 1912	\$13,101,000 00
Losses sustained during the year 1912	272,000 00
Money received during the year 1912	790,480 00
Expended during the year 1912	560,410 58

JNO. J. SEERLEY, President.

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